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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND THE ZAMBIAN PRESS HAVE BOTH REACTED
WITH ANGER AND OUTRAGE TO THE OPEC OIL PRICE INCREASE ANNOUNCEMENT.
KAUNDA SAID THE BURDEN OF THE INCREASE WOULD FALL ON THE
DEVELOPING WORLD WHILE AN EDITORIAL IN THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA OF
DECEMBER 18 DECRIED THE ACTION AS "OIL IMPERIALISM" AND CALLED
FOR A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER. END SUMMARY

1. SPEAKING IN KINSHASA, FOLLOWING MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT
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MOBUTU, PRESIDENT KAUNDA SAID THAT DEVELOPING NATIONS WOULD
SUFFER NEXT YEAR AS A RESULT OF INCREASED OIL PRICES. THE
MEAGRE AID GIVEN TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES BY THE OIL PRODUCERS
MADE VERY LITTLE IF ANY CHANGE IN THE SITUATION. ANY AID GIVEN,
HE SAID, WOULD BE "EATEN UP IN NO TIME AT ALL". THE INCREASED
PRICE OF AGRICULTURAL AND MINING EQUIPMENT FROM THE DEVELOPED

WORLD, RESULTING FROM THE OIL PRICE INCREASE, WOULD CANCEL OUT ANY AID RECEIVED FROM OIL PRODUCERS. KAUNDA PAID SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE KING OF SAUDI ARABIA FOR REMAINING FIRM ON A 5 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE FACE OF THE 15 PERCENT INCREASE ADVOCATED BY OPEC'S EXTREMISTS.

2. STRESSING THAT 1977 WAS GOING TO BE A DIFFICULT YEAR FOR ZAMBIA, THE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THE COUNCIL FOR COPPER EXPORTING COUNTRIES (CIPEC). THAT ORGANIZATION MUST BUILD ITSELF INTO A UNITED ORGANIZATION WHOSE DECISIONS WILL BE BINDING ON THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET.

3. IN ITS DECEMBER 18 EDITORIAL, THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA CASTIGATED "THE ANTICS OF THE DOLLAR-HAPPY OIL PRODUCERS." THEIR ANTICS "ARE NO LONGER A JOKE, BECAUSE "OIL IMPERIALISM" IS PUSHING THE ECONOMIES OF THE WORLD TO THE BRINK FROM WHICH, UNLESS THE ERRATIC PROCESS IS STOPPED BY SOMEONE, THEY MUST TUMBLE DOWN TO CRASH VIOLENTLY INTO THE ECONOMIC ABYSS." EVENTS HAVE PROVEN THAT THE "OILISTS" ARE UNABLE TO CONTROL THEIR "MESSANIC HOLY WAR ON THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES" AND AT THE SAME TIME PROTECT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHO WILL BE THE FIRST TO GO TO THE WALL. EDITORIAL CALLS FOR THE DESIGNATION OF "ESSENTIAL MATERIALS TO MANKIND" WHICH SHOULD BE CENTRALLY CONTROLLED AND REGULATED BY THE U.N. WHILE THE EXPOBITATION OF "SUPER COMMODITIES" SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INTEREST OF THOSE WHO POSSESS THEM, AT THE SAME TIME, THIS CANNOT BE DONE WITH TOTAL DISREGARD OF THE REST OF THE WORLD DEPENDENT ON THE MATERIALS. EDITORIAL ENDS WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT THE "NON-ABATING "OILIST" ECONOMIC AGGRESSION" SHOULD STIR THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING WORLD TO "TAKE UP THE URGENT NEED

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